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DEVELOPING NATIONAL KEYBOARD IN HINDI
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there is any National `Key-board` in Hindi to work on computers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether various types of Hindi `Key-boards` being manufactured result in employees and officers, facing problems while working on them;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) whether there is difference in the Key-boards of Aryan, Kritideo and Akshar fonts;

(f) if so, the types of Hindi `Key-boards` available at present; and

(g) the steps being taken by the Government to develop a National Key-board in Hindi like English?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): India Inscript (INSCRIPT) keyboard was devised in the year 1988 by the Department of Electronics (now Department of Information Technology).

(b): This was published by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) with details.

(c) and (d): Various types of Hindi keyboard are available for inputting Indian languages. No major difficulty is faced by the user.

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f): The types of Hindi keyboard available are:
i) INSCRIPT keyboard
ii) Phonetic keyboard
iii) Typewriter layout

(g): This is already done by way of standardizing the INSCRIPT keyboard layout.